



THE LAST SEVEN DAYS



February 22, 2015

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Welcome you to St. Paul United Methodist Church, whether **you're a long-time** member or a first time visitor. Thank you for choosing to worship with us!

You've joined us during the season of Lent, a time of reflection and sacrifice. Our sermon series for Lent is a powerful one. "The Last Seven Days" takes a deep look at the last days of Jesus's life. I'm glad you're taking this journey with us, and I invite you to join us in our commitment to pray, fast and give during this season. You can read more about Lent at St. Paul on page 4.

Look through this bulletin, or visit our website, for more information on our ministries, classes, and all the many ways we are living into our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love.

The Lord is doing amazing things here at St. Paul, and I'm excited that you are a part of it.

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

We're excited to welcome the new members joining St. Paul during each worship time. Be sure to say **HELLO** to our new members!

GLORIFY GOD

9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude		
Welcome		
Reception of New Members		
*Greet	<i>Majesty, Worship His Majesty</i>	No. 176
*Hymns	<i>Lord of the Dance</i>	No. 261
Apostle's Creed		No. 881
Prayer	Lord's Prayer	No. 895
Offertory	<i>The Love of Christ</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 95
Prayer of Thanksgiving	David McKee, Traditional Worship Leader	
Special Music	<i>Beneath The Cross</i>	LuAnn Frolick
Sermon	"The Lure of Jerusalem" Pastor Bob Martin Luke 9: 51-52	
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>What A Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	No. 526
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, please let a greeter or usher know and they would be happy to help. Baby changing tables are located in the family room and in both men and women's restrooms..

10:30 Contemporary Worship Snapshot

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Our worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. Our message is the same theme and scripture as the message given at 9 a.m. You'll notice every week there's a time in our service to give financially. While this is something we're called to do in scripture, it's also just our way of saying, "We love our church and we want to support it!" However, our guests should feel zero pressure to give today.



ABOUT
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE
MUSIC



NO
PRESSURE

Know someone who would like to worship with us, but is unable to join us in the sanctuary? Invite them to worship with us live online every Sunday at 9 or 10:30 a.m. Just visit stpaulumc.org and click "Watch."

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, first of all, welcome! We're glad you're here. We hope you find St. Paul a welcoming place to worship, and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



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WEBSITE
stpaulumc.org



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NEED ANYTHING?

Fill out the red registration pad to let us know how we can help you.
E-mail church@stpaulumc.org.
Call 727-584-8165

GLORIFY GOD

Online Giving

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or you plan to make an additional gift, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit our website stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



Flowers

Today's flowers are given by:

- ♥ Wendy Copeland and Janice Wohlhaupter in loving memory of our dad, Walter Bohn, on his birthday
- ♥ In honor of Rev. Jeanette Burton's 90th birthday with love and gratitude from her daughters Sharyne Hay and Carol McGlinchey
- ♥ In celebration of the birthday of Rev. Barbara Brokhoff from all her friends

If you would like to give flowers to the Glory of God in honor of a loved one or special event, call the church office at 584-8165 with your desired date and inscription, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Flowers can be picked up after the second worship, at the church office during the week, or donated to members at local hospitals and rehabs.

Deaths

May the spirits of those who've died rest peacefully in the Lord.

Please pray for the families of the people listed below, who passed away recently:

Bill Longman
Thurma Moorehead

A Note From Shirley Hamrick

Dear St. Paul,

Thank you for the cards and prayers after my daughter, Cassandra Rice, passed. Thanks, especially, to the choir. We are so blessed by the support we've received.

Shirley Hamrick and the Rice Family

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate needs:

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| Barb | Kim Morris |
| Barb and Jody | Kristi B. |
| Becky Moon and Tom | Kyle |
| Bill | Larry Daniels |
| Bob and Pam | Lea Suprich |
| Care Receivers | Linda McKeen |
| Carl Scott | Margaret Menchea |
| Carlton Jr. | Mark Dexter |
| Cathy Jo | Mark LaPolla |
| Chris Dugan | Mary Buchanan |
| Deb Woodhouse | Mary Nichols |
| Dede Vanhooser | Maxfield Family |
| Do, Dave, Polly | Meek Family |
| Don McConnell | Mike Guseilla |
| Don Mitchell | Mitchell Family |
| Doris Mahony | Moe |
| Elfriede Bohlmann | Morris Family |
| Elsie Punt | Nadeen Abunijim |
| Erma | Nancy |
| Eva Hilliard's Nephew | Patrick McMillan |
| Grace Rudman | Paul |
| Harriett | Peg Sherman |
| Harry and Ben | Penny Schutendorf |
| Jace Michael | Rollin Brannan |
| Jack | Rose and Frank |
| Jackson | Ruth Barr |
| Jane H. | Shawn Thomas & Family |
| Janet Terrell | Shelby |
| Janice | Sherry |
| Jean Troutner | Sister's Health |
| Jenny | Steve Harvey |
| Jerry Stewart | Steven Pruitt |
| Jim Lucky | Todd Smyzer |
| John Fady | Tom |
| John Jukes | Tom and Denise |
| John Wilken | Trevor and Brittany Simons |
| June Aldrich | Trish Paulk |
| June Mayhew | Tyler Gray |
| Kat F. | Vivian White |
| Kenneth A. | Wanda Ditty |
| Kevin and Vicki | |

To Make a Prayer Request

- * Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- * Call our prayer line at 727-559-PRAY around the clock to leave a prayer need.

GROW IN FAITH

LENT

PRAY ✦ FAST ✦ GIVE



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18 and lasts for the 40 days leading up to Easter on April 5. This is a time for Christians to reflect, pray, fast and give. (Matthew 6:1-18) This Lent, we are challenging ourselves to search deeply within and offer ourselves in sacrifice to God. As we focus on fasting, prayer and giving, we allow ourselves to truly commit to this season of reflection and sacrifice.

Prayer: Our Sanctuary will be open every Monday in Lent (starting February 23-ending March 30) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for you to pray, meditate and reflect. We have intentionally set this time during the lunch hour to allow you to skip your lunch. If you **can't make it to the sanctuary we invite you to observe** this time in your home or office.

Fasting: Abstaining from food has been a part of Methodism from the early beginning. John Wesley **considered fasting an important part of a Christian's life.** The key to fasting is to replace the time you would have spent eating with prayer and reflection. We are asking that Monday be the day you set aside as your fasting day. **You should contact your doctor before participating in a food fast.*

Giving: Lent is a time to sacrificially give above and beyond what you normally offer. This can be done financially or you can take something on for Christ. You can commit to serve more than you have or in a different way than you have before.

Sign Up For Our Weekly Growth Guide

The Growth Guide offers daily scripture readings and reflection related to the week's message. To receive the Growth Guide by e-mail, write your e-mail address and a note that you would like to receive the Growth Guide on one of the red pads in your seat or pew, or visit our website and click the "Mailing Lists" link.

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29
9 & 10:30 AM



Join us in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, March 29. The 9 a.m. worship will be a special celebratory worship telling the Palm Sunday story through music and readings. The 10:30 a.m contemporary worship will feature students from our Worship Arts class. Children are welcome to attend our Lenten worship services with their parents, but childcare will also be provided in Bldg B.



Hannah Tea

Ladies of all ages, you are invited to the 14th Annual Hannah Tea, March 22 at 4 p.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Bring your daughters, mothers and friends for a delightful afternoon, delicious food, and a program from motivating spiritual speaker, Peggy Farmer. Hats and gloves are encouraged, but not necessary. Nursery will be provided.

Tickets are \$15. You can purchase them in the church office workroom Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., between services on Sunday, or by calling Barbara Brash at 727-581-4833. Proceeds support the mission projects of the Hannah Circle.

If you would like to decorate and hostess a table,

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Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes. All classes are located on the Sanctuary side of campus and gather at 10:15 a.m.

Inspirations - South Fellowship Hall in **Bldg C**

Friendship - Choir Room in **Bldg C**

Crusaders - Purple Door Classroom in **Bldg C**

Bereans - Room 201 (Community Room) in the CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to the Christian Life Enrichment Center on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. This Tuesday, Feb. 24, Pastor Bob will teach. You are welcome to bring a lunch. For more information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne by e-mail at bob.v@stpaulumc.org or by phone at 584-8165.

Men's Bible Study on Thursday

All men are invited to be a part of the Men's Bible Study on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in room 218 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

Soaring Eagles on Saturday

Men are welcome to join the Soaring Eagles for fellowship, prayer, and devotional on Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the CLEC, room 201.



PRE-SALE
THURSDAY, MARCH 7
6 - 8 PM
Admission: \$1 Donation

GENERAL ADMISSION
FRIDAY, MARCH 6
8 AM - 2 PM

The Rummage Sale is Friday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will also hold a pre-sale for St. Paul members on Thursday, March 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a donation of \$1 for admission.

NEXT STEPS



STARTING POINT

If you're new to St. Paul, we invite you to come to our next Pastor's Coffee on Sunday, March 15 at 11:45 a.m. in the Family Room to find out more about us and our ministries.



ATTEND

We encourage you to attend one of our worship times regularly. If you're unable to join us in the sanctuary for any reason, you can join us live online by visiting stpaulumc.org and clicking on the "Watch" link.



PLUG IN

If you've been attending St. Paul, but you'd like to connect with others or dig deeper into your faith journey, contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne by emailing bobby.v@stpaulumc.org. We offer studies and groups for adults, children and youth.



SERVE

Are you looking for a way to serve? Check out Give in Love section, or contact our church office at church@stpaulumc.org. We would love to help you find a way to serve that fits your spiritual gifts!

women's ministry

Girls' Night Out: Movie Night

The St. Paul Women's Ministry invites you to Girls' Night Out on March 13 at 7 p.m. in the South Fellowship Hall of Bldg C. The movie is **Hundred Foot Journey**, an uplifting story starring Oscar winner Helen Mirren. An escalating rivalry between two restaurants finally results in connection and transformation. A suggested \$5 donation will be taken at the door.

GROW IN FAITH



Children *infant-5th grade*
Sherri Plate, Children's Ministry
Director, sherri.p@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in Bldg B Lil Kidz Rooms. You will sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Class

Our preschool class for 3 to 4 year-olds meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Red Door Room of Bldg C.

Sunday Mornings for K- 5

Our elementary school classes and worship tie into the themes in "big church."

Sunday Morning Small Group at 9:00 a.m.
Meets in either the computer lab in Room 203 or the Small Group Room in 207 of Bldg C.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Meets in the Children's Worship Center, Rooms 206/208 of Bldg C.

Parent's Morning Out

Parent's Morning Out is available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per day, per child. Reserve a spot by calling the Children's Ministry at 584-8165 x238.

Wednesday Nights

6:30 p.m. | Worship Arts Room

Worship Arts Class

Kids and youth learn different types of art or music like guitar, singing, handbells, and more. They choose six week tracks so they can focus on **Glorifying God** in the ways that fit their talents.

KidServe

KidServe teaches kids to look beyond themselves and serve others. Kids participate in kid-friendly service projects, develop a culture of service in their families, are empowered to organize and lead service projects, campaigns or service based events.



This year Camp XP will explore messages of faith and enjoy fun activities based on favorite animated movies and characters! Each themed week is based on a different animated movie like *Despicable Me* or *Toy Story*, giving kids a fun and familiar starting point on which to build lessons of faith.

Camp runs from June 8 to August 14.

Ages: K-5th Grade.

Costs: You pay only for the weeks your child(ren) attend. Cost is \$95 per week. A \$50 one-time, non-refundable registration fee is also due on registration.

June 8 - 12: **God's Love is to Infinity and Beyond**
June 15 - 19: **God is Always With you!**
June 22 - 26: **God Will Never Let You Go!**
June 29 - July 2: **God Helps Us Make the Right Choices**
July 6 - 10: **How Can I Build a Strong Faith in God?**
July 13 - 17: **Jesus is Our Hero!**
July 20 - 25: **God's Not Dead, He's Surely Alive!**
July 28 - Aug. 1: **Have The Best Day Ever With God**
August 3 - 7: **I Can Serve God and Others**
August 10 - 14: **Specialty Sports Camp**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

August 3 - 7 | 6:15-8:30 p.m.


Minion Factory: *Who(m) do you serve?*

Registration Is Open Now
STPAULUMC.ORG

Visit our website for more information on camp and Vacation Bible School. We have limited spots available this year, so be sure to get your registration in as soon as possible.

GROW IN FAITH



 **Youth** 6th-12th Grade, Alison Van Duyne,
Youth Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

We all have moments that leave us feeling tense, **anxious, and wondering how we're supposed to handle it all.** God never intended for our lives to be **defined by stress.** Thankfully **He doesn't tell us to handle it on our own, either.** He invites us to bring our worries and anxiety to Him. And when do, we **find that He doesn't just remove the chaos from our lives.** He replaces it with something better—peace.

CHAOS

TONIGHT: Stressed

Bottom Line: God holds your future, so you can focus on the present. If we're honest, we know that sometimes stress is helpful. It helps us to make deadlines and can motivate us to make wise choices. **But there's also a darker side, isn't there? Left unchecked and unmanaged, our healthy stress can quickly turn into *distress*, making our lives feel chaotic, out of control and leaving us paralyzed. Maybe that's why the Bible has so much to say about it.** God knows that our tendency toward stress and anxiety isn't His best for us, and through the wise advice found in Proverbs, He teaches us how to handle it all.

Join the middle and high school youth on Sunday nights from 5:30–8 p.m. for **group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups.** The group meets in the Mariposa Café at 5:30 p.m., then branches out to the Youth Room, the Gym or the Fellowship Hall depending on plans for the night. Dinner is \$4.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Youth Room—6 p.m.

Students are invited to this midweek Bible Study where they can hang out, eat, and get into God's Word.

Junior Counselors for Camp XP

This year rising 6th-10th graders are invited to attend Camp XP as Junior Counselors. Join us for fun activities and field trips, while helping to guide our younger campers. Cost is \$35/week for food, field trips, etc. Plus \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Register online at stpaulumc.org. Deadline is May 15.

Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

IGNITE

Tonight at 7 p.m.

Join our IGNITE group for young adults (ages 18-35) at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. They're following a daily New Testament reading plan. They are currently reading Acts. You can jump in at any time. Visit their facebook, [ignitestpaul](https://www.facebook.com/ignitestpaul), for more of the reading schedule. Contact Felix at c24go1@aol.com or "Like" the IGNITE Facebook to stay up to date.



Young Adult Community Group

Young adults (ages 18-34) are invited to join our Wednesday night community group meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Café (CLEC). Meet new people, build relationships, get into interesting discussions, and grow closer to Christ. Drop ins are welcome.

GIVE IN LOVE



Rummage Sale Donations

Clear out your clutter for a good cause, and donate your gently used items to our annual Rummage Sale. Please pack your items in a box and wrap glass so it will not be broken. Items may be dropped off at the back entrance of the Open Arms Resource Center across from the CLEC Monday-Thursday until 2:30 p.m. Starting March 4 items should be dropped off at the CLEC.

If you need a furniture pick up, please call UMW President, Rita Fowler, at 585-0273. We cannot accept mattresses, sleeper sofas, televisions, desks or entertainment centers. We reserve the right to refuse items we cannot sell.

Rummage Sale Volunteers

We will need men and women to price and sort items on March 4 and 5 starting at 8 a.m. There is no need to sign up, just come and help! Even if you cannot stand or lift, we have a job you can do. Lunch will be available for a donation, or you can bring your own. We also need helpers to cashier and bag while the sale is open on Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. and during the day on Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Take Our Missions and Outreach Survey

As we plan our missions and outreach focus for 2015, the Missions and Outreach Team would like to know where your heart lies. Please

take a moment to fill out our short survey online using the QR code or visiting stpaulumc.org or drop a paper copy in the collection box in the lobby.



Easter Lilies

Please join us in providing lilies for the sanctuary this Easter. The cost is \$9. What a wonderful way to acknowledge and honor someone's life, or to celebrate the risen King. Please order online, using the "Holiday Flowers" option on our giving page, or call the church office at 584-8165. Don't forget to include your inscription! Deadline is March 16. Lilies can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship.



Open Arms Toilet Paper Drive

Did you know that Open Arms distributes, not only food, but also clothes, toilet paper and other needed items? Open Arms gives out over a hundred rolls of toilet paper every week, and we need your help to supply this necessity. You can drop off toilet paper donations in the blue shopping cart in the lobby, or



bring your donations by the church office Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rachel-Lydia Inspirational Booklet

February is the last month to get the UMW Rachel-Lydia group's booklet, *Inspirational Food for Thought*. If you haven't already, pick up a copy of this booklet written by group members. The booklet is available for a suggested minimum donation of \$5. All donations support Rachel-Lydia's pediatric medical mission ministry at Sabal Palms Pediatric Center. For your booklet, contact Rosemary Potter 727-712-8401 or Claire Covert 535-7472.

Coming this Week

Sunday, February 22

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:45 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Lil' Kidz Small Group	9:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, February 23

Sanctuary Open For Prayer
11AM—1 PM

Bells of St. Paul	5:30 PM
Max Lucado Study	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 24

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM
Adult Basketball	8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 25

UMW—Dorcas	9:00 AM
Handicapable Ministry	6:15 PM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
KidServe	6:30 PM
Covenant Bible Study	6:30 PM
Hebrews Study	6:30 PM
Youth Amplify	6:30 PM
Young Adult Group	6:30 PM

Thursday, February 26

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM

Friday, February 27

Church Office Closed

Handi Talent Night	7:00 PM
Adult Basketball	7:30 PM

Saturday, February 28

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:15 AM—5:30 PM

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Each week our new KidServe ministry on Wednesday night offers kids the chance to look beyond themselves and serve others through fun, kid-friendly projects. During the last month, our KidServe kids have:

- ♥ Packed food bags for Pack-A-Sac recipients at Belcher Elementary
- ♥ Made beaded bracelets for Celebrate Recovery members
- ♥ Made fingerprint heart Valentines for Children's Ministry volunteers.

These kids' generous hearts are such a blessing. It is wonderful to see them **Giving in Love** each week. Kids of all ages are welcome to join KidServe on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Arts Room. Thanks to all our kid volunteers! We're proud of you!

Pictured at top (from back to front): Brody Ince, Austin Ince, Emily Valentine and Gavin Monahan. With Children's Ministry Director, Sherri Plate.

Pictured at bottom (from back to front): Brody, Austin, and Shamus Ince

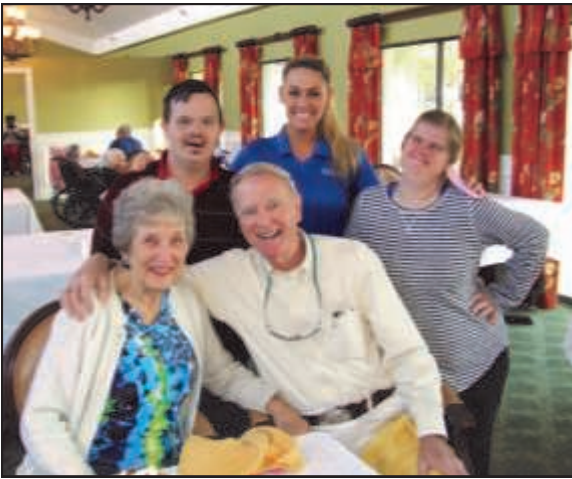


KidServe



Hattie Outzs Memorial Service
Friday, February 27
2 p.m. in the St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

GOOD NEWS



Donny and Janet deliver valentines at Belleair

St. Paul Ministries Give in Love On Valentine's Day

For over ten years, our Handicapable Ministry has been sharing the love of Jesus with Belleair Healthcare residents and staff by giving each a Handi Valentine made with love by our members. Thirty-five of our Handicapable gathered in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 6, to create a large number

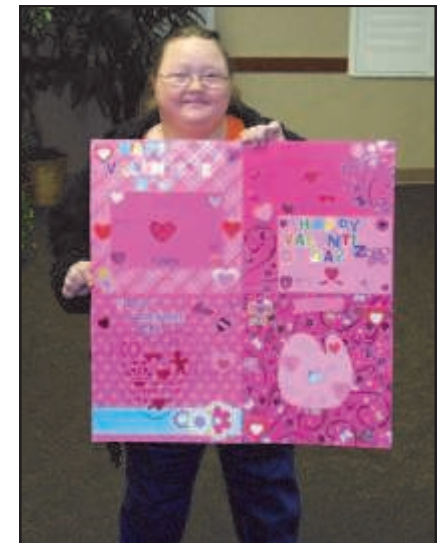
of beautifully decorated Valentines for the Belleair residents. On February 12, the Handi Valentines were delivered by Handi members Donny and Janet. Just another way Handi follows Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves.

JOY Ministry also demonstrated the love of Jesus this past Valentine's Day by showering some of its members with a Donna Koller "Goodie Bag" and a Handi Valentine. Some of the recipients of "goodie bags" were Rev. Dick and Rev. Jeannette Burton, Ruth Barr, Elsie Punt and George and Esther Wilson (pictured above right). Praise God for JOY's acts of love to lift the spirits of those with needs.



Handi members in the VDay "Photo Booth"

Handicapable finished out the holiday with a party on February 13. One hundred fifty gathered in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall for dancing, fellowship and royal treats. Each attendee had his/her picture taken at the Photo Booth. For the past ten years, we have taken close to 40,000 pictures of our Ministry in action! Thanks to all who help make this ministry so strong and successful!




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